

THE SENTINEL.

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We are under obligations to Hon. G. R. Singleton for esteemed favors.

Vicksburg is rejoicing that it is again on the Mississippi river, since the recent rise in that stream.

Gen. K. Buchanan a Democrat, was elected to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Chas. E. Kellogg, as Senator from the county of Warren.

While we in the United States, have been enjoying the most delightful weather, the cold has been intense beyond precedent in all parts of Europe.

Some of our exchanges, and those which claim to be Democratic, will have it, that Singleton is contesting the seat of Graves, as Senator from Madison. If we know anything about it, the reverse is the case.

The Jackson Clarion will resume the publication of its daily edition on the meeting of The Legislature, Monday January 5th 1880. If you wish to keep posted in the doings of your lawmakers, The Clarion will fully and correctly subscribe that purpose.

The Comet, announces that it will issue a daily edition during the session of the Legislature. The Comet is a wide-awake, newsy paper, and a daily issued from that office will most assuredly be up with the very latest matters of interest, transpiring at the Capital.

The Sentinel, in order to afford attaches and employees the usual respite during the holidays, will issue a half sheet only, on next publication day, (Christmas). It will appear in full sheet on New Year.

In Warren county a few days since, a difficulty occurred between W. M. Watts and J. C. Jones, who were farming in partnership, in which Jones was killed by a shot from a needle gun. Watts went to Vicksburg and surrendered himself to the sheriff.

It should not be forgotten that the Democracy, the unadulterated, simple, straight out, State Rights Democracy propose to elect a successor to Bruce; and to select a man who is an index to the dominant political sentiment of the State and no other.

The heaviest snow storm in the history of the N. O. Railroad was in progress on the 11th inst., extending all along the line from Duluth to Bismark—snow was a foot deep on the level and drifts four feet. Trains all delayed and business stopped. The storm extends over an area of four-hundred miles square.

It is no wonder that Pennsylvania is Republican in politics. The school-teachers in that State, when they find it necessary to punish a boy, make him memorise a page of the Constitution of the United States. The boy consequently hates every line and letter of the Constitution and ergo ipso-facto, they become Republicans.

If the members of The Legislature improve their time by reading carefully and closely the suggestions of the papers in relation to their duties, when they go to Jackson, they can by the day of meeting know exactly what is expected of them—and they can fit themselves for Legislation in no other way. Come gentlemen, read up, and do just as the papers say.

The little city of Bolton had a very destructive conflagration on Sunday night, originating in Henry Walton's Hotel, and extending to and destroying several business houses with their contents. Bolton is among the most enterprising and prosperous little towns in the State, and such a disaster is a great weight on the business and early black.

Shall the Caucus be Abolished?

The question at the head of this column is being discussed by the papers throughout the State, and much to our surprise, there are to be found those who advocate the proposition that the caucus be expunged from the usages of the Democratic party. The chief reason urged in favor of its abolition, is, that the Legislature, being Democratic by a large majority in both houses, there no longer exists a necessity for its use in the conduct of the political affairs of the party. The writers who thus suggest a policy so unwise, surely have not reflected that we are upon the very eve of a contest in which the Democracy will be called on to exercise all their strength and skill to defeat a powerful and wily foe. The grand old party of the people will win—most win, but that triumph cannot be achieved without a thorough organization and a strict observance of those usages decreed by long trial to be so indispensable to success. The caucus has long been esteemed necessary to remove or reconcile minor differences and procure united action when in union only could be found success. Abolish it, and you silence one of its most powerful batteries and leave defenseless a fortress which has often proved a tower of strength, when without it, the battle would have been lost. It should be remembered that the Republican party of Mississippi, backed by the National Republicans and the Executive Department, has already begun the work of re-organization for the campaign of 1880. All Federal offices and positions under the patronage of the President, are being filled with men selected with a view to the work to be done in opposition to the Democracy. The rusty and dusty old printing presses which creaked and groaned in support of carpet-bag-negro rule are being dragged from their places of concealment, and greased with Federal oil, they will soon again be doing service in opposition to the Democratic party, and therefore to the best interests of Mississippi.

Is it the part of wisdom to abolish long established and approved customs in the beginning of a campaign which promises to be a hotly contested and a bitter one? Is it wise to attempt innovations with, as we may say, the enemy in our front and already preparing for the great battle?

Another objection to the caucus, is, that gerrymandered and manipulated by unscrupulous and ambitious men, it often does not reflect, but defeats the will of the people. To this we answer, that the people who are the supreme power should select men to represent them who, paid in the armor of integrity, are proof against all temptation to waver in the discharge of duty. The prostitution of the caucus to evil purposes should result, not in condemnation of that time-honored usage, but in an elevation of the standard of public servants, by inducing the people to select such men only as can be trusted, in or out of a caucus.

The Canton Citizen thus luminously explains the Singleton-Graves contest over a seat in the Senate. It seems that some of the papers have got the thing mixed. There will be no excuse for them if they any longer fail to understand the situation.

T. T. Barksdale is contesting O. R. Graves' seat to the U. S. Senate and this will make another vote for S. A. D. Singleton—for State Senator; for while Ethel Dalton will vote for his distinguished father, Maj. Bartleson, it is natural to suppose that Sing. Gravesstone would vote for that eminent patriot, Gen. Dard Paten. Say? Please don't got our county matters mixed. —American Citizen

Meridian is booming. She will soon boast of six newspapers. Five thousand bales of cotton were disposed of there last week. The cotton part of the business will do very well and is a very remarkable show of business prosperity, but we doubt whether six newspapers can live there long.

Subscribers who fail to receive their paper will notify this office.

In Memoriam.

Mrs. Jane Pickett, wife of Michael Pickett, of Yazoo county, was born in Pitt county, North Carolina, October 30th, 1815, and died December 3rd, 1879, aged 64 years. She received a thorough education at good schools in Washington and Greenville, N. C. At an early age she removed with her father, Gen. Clark, to Hinds county, Miss., where she lived until her marriage, Feb'y 1st, 1844. Since that time she has resided in Yazoo county. To the memory of Mrs. Pickett is due more than a mere sketch from the pen of affection.

She was no ordinary person, either in mind or character, and while her life could not be called eventful; yet her superior merit might properly be written for the good of others. Her extensive travel and large acquaintance with the most brilliant society of our country previous to the late war made her a most interesting companion. She was the perfect development of a refined and cultivated Southern lady. Highly gifted by nature, of poetic imagination she had improved the advantages afforded by ample means, and from her youth was a woman admired for her brilliant talents, and rare conversational powers. Previous to her marriage she was the center of the most refined society that frequented the capital of our State, where she was distinguished for remarkable beauty and sparkling wit. Gov. Foote a man as distinguished in social as he was in public life always referred to her with pride as one of the representative women of the South.

A profound regard for the feeling of others was with her a distinguishing trait, and while possessing remarkable wit she was always too generous to exercise it at the expense of one less gifted than herself. Her rare talents for pleasing were as conspicuous in the society of the plain and uncultured, as they were in the society of the educated. Her broad sympathy with humanity gave her a rare adaptation to any rank of life with which she came in contact. Although she was for a great part of her life in the most fashionable walks of society she retained only that which was refined and elevating. She was too truly good to inhibit that which was frivolous or vain. Even when travelling her rare loveliness attracted to her side all who were in need of sympathy or consolation though they were strangers to her.

Here was a character of beautiful symmetry, she seemed not to have cultivated one grace to the neglect of another. There was in her a perfect blending of superior intellect, brilliant attainments and womanly sweetness rarely found in one character. The gentle virtues that adorn domestic life were as much hers as were the gifts which adorn the proudest salons. She gave much time to literary pursuits, having frequently contributed articles of merit to the journals of our State. But she also looked well to the ways of her household as the dignity and order of her establishment always attested. The question was asked since her death, of one who knew her long and well, what trait of Mrs. Pickett's character do you now recall with greatest distinctness? After a moment's reflection came the reply "her great abhorrence to evil speaking. A golden opinion to record to the memory of one so remarkable for superior intellect and attractive manners, that above all these she left the impress upon the heart of a friend of her sweet charity that speaks no evil. As well also does the writer of this imperfect tribute to her virtues fail to recall from long and confidential intercourse a bitter or resentful word from her lips. If she was forced to blame it was always in a gentle manner with every apology for the offender. Of her might truly be said "she opened her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness."

Mrs. Pickett lost her children at an early age, but she gave much of a mother's care to her own and her husband's relatives, and their sincere love and respect for her is one of the brightest testimonials to her unselfish nature.

To the young she was a judicious adviser a useful friend. The aged and sorrow stricken came to her for consolation and mingling her tears with theirs a friendship was formed that was never broken.

No one could better encourage a faint and despairing heart than she. For several years past her life has been spent in the quiet seclusion of her country home, and she must sometimes have missed the scenes of her former life. But her cheerfulness never abated and to the end of her life she was the charming companion and affable lady. She never lost her enthusiasm for all that was good in life, nor was she dependent upon her surrounding for happiness. In her own pure heart were the sweet sentiments which gave interest and beauty to all that came within her influence.

She was a member of the Christian Church forty-one years. Her daily life was an illustration of the beauty of holiness, an exemplification of christian beneficence, gentleness and love. She frequently spoke of her

increasing years and expressed her unwavering faith that there remained for her, the rest prepared for the people of God. One of her last expressions when rational was "My path is short to the grave but I know in whom I have trusted." She was ready when the Master called. In the delirium which preceded her death she seemed to hold converse with her absent friends and her words were beautiful, she seemed to be inspired with the praise and love of the redeemed through she was so soon to pass.

Thus has passed away this pious and accomplished woman. Her memory will be to those who knew and loved her as a beautiful poem with nothing to mar its tenderness and harmony.

The world has lost one who made it better, her friends one worthy of their confidence and her family one who was its ornament and joy. To all, thoughts of her will be as a sweet benediction and a bright example that beckons to the pathway which leads to perfect day. S. J. G.

Editor of The Yazoo Sentinel: I am writing to you because he was elected Mayor of the Falcon, to commence spiriting because he was elected Mayor of Oxford. Well, the men are bigger than the offices.

The editor of the Ledger seems not to have learned that a man's exaltation when elected to office, should be in proportion, not to the position to which he has been elevated, but to the confidence manifested in the support accorded him. We would not feel a whit more proud if chosen the successor of Bruce, than as the humble Assessor of Yazoo—by the grace of friends.

A most shocking murder was committed in New Orleans, last week, by a printer named Beasley, who formerly lived in Mobile. He was drunk, and in a fit of passion threw Mrs. Hebert, a widow lady with whom he was boarding over the balusters of the third story gallery. His victim fell a distance of fifty feet to the flagstones in the yard, striking on her forehead and fracturing one of her arms. She lingered a few minutes and expired. The murderer was arrested and is now in jail.

Guardian and Commissioner's Sale.

In the matter of the In Chancery estate of the late J. C. Jones, of Yazoo county, Mississippi, the Court of Yazoo county, Mississippi, do hereby order, that the said estate be sold by the said Guardian and Commissioner, on Monday, the 22nd day of December, 1879, at 10 o'clock, A. M., in the town of Yazoo City, Mississippi, (being the premises now occupied by C. C. Dyer, Esq.) to the highest bidder, on the following terms, to-wit: One-third cash and in addition thereto cash sufficient to pay the costs and Attorney's fees, balance in two equal installments. Lien retained for purchase money. The entire title and interest in said land will be conveyed by said sale.

F. H. NIEMAN, Guardian and Commissioner.

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Notice to City Tax-Payers.

The Assessment Rolls are now ready, and I will receive and receipt for all City taxes due for the fiscal year, 1879, at my office, in the City Hall, from and after this date to the first Monday in January, 1880, without damages; after that date damages will be added on all unpaid taxes. A. M. HOLMES, City Assessor and Collector.

Commissioner's Sale.

A. J. HAZEN, vs. No. 935. Henrietta Hanna et al. Chancery Court, Yazoo county, Miss. Special November Term, 1879. By virtue of a decree rendered by the Chancery Court of Yazoo county, at the November Special Term thereof, 1879, in the above stated case, I will sell, at public sale, within legal hours, to the highest bidder for cash, before the Court House door, in Yazoo City, on MONDAY, the 22 DAY OF DECEMBER, 1879, the following described real estate, lying and being in Yazoo county, State of Mississippi, to-wit: Sec. 16 of sec. six (6), T. eleven (11), R. one (1), west, together with all the appurtenances and privileges thereto belonging.

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